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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) <i>Transmittal I P F</i> <small>JUL 20 2004</small> <small>PATENTS & TRADEMARKS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</small>		Application Number 09/545,436 Filing Date April 7, 2000 First Named Inventor Gregory Prestas Art Unit 2665 Examiner Name Thomas E. Volper Attorney Docket Number 254148006US
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

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- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. Other _____

- b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665

- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

- ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

- iii. Other Extra Claim Fee

- b. Check in the amount of \$ 788.00 enclosed

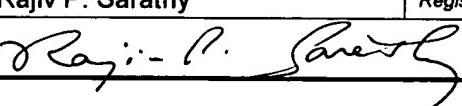
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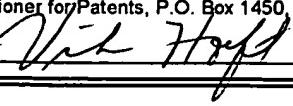
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